

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 27, which starts with "This object is solved by the device...".

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 26, as follows:

In this first embodiment the cover 7 has a symmetrical and substantially U-shaped cross-section where the two free ends of the U-shaped cross-section are formed by legs 8. The cover 7 is made of an elastic material ~~to so~~ that the legs 8 can be bent flexibly towards one another against a pre-stress. In this way, a clamping connection is formed between the legs 8 and the side wall 6 of the spray channel whereby the cover 7 is fixed in the bottom 2 of the washing container 1 on the spray channel 4. The removable cover 7 of the spray channel 4 makes it possible to remove this like a cover from the spray channel 4 if required in order to inspect the interior of the spray channel 4 or remove deposits or attach a different cover 7.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11, as follows:

It can be seen clearly from Figure 2 that the cover 7 and therefore the side of the spray channel directed towards the interior of the washing container 1 lie substantially in one plane with the bottom 2 of the washing container 1. This results in a flat surface over the entire bottom 2 of the washing container 1 which allows a largely arbitrary arrangement of items to be washed 10 in the immediate vicinity of the bottom 2 of the washing container 1. Since the openings 7 are distributed over the entire length of the spray channel 4, the possibility of spray jets being "shaded" by items to be washed 10 is reduced. Even when items to be washed 10 are placed directly on the spray channel 4, as a result of the elongated shape of the ~~openings~~ openings 9 washing liquid can still be sprayed from the spray channel 4 into the washing container 1.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 18, as follows:

Figure 5 shows a partial sectional view of the bottom 2 of the washing container 1 of a dishwasher with a spray device according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention. The configuration of the spray channels 4 substantially corresponds to the embodiment shown in Figures 1 and 2. In this fourth embodiment the washing container 1 is constructed as trough-shaped where a number of indentations, provided with covers 7, preferably aligned parallel to one another are provided in the bottom 2 of the washing container 1. The indentations 3 together with the covers 7 form spray channels 4 which are integrated in the bottom 2 of the washing container 1 in this way. In principle, the number of spray channels 4 should be adapted to the volume of the washing container 1 or to the surface of the dishwasher bottom 2. The bottom 2 of the washing container 1 is formed such that the spray channels 4 ~~lie~~ on different planes and therefore several spraying levels are ~~formed~~. The installation of a plurality of spray channels 4, 5 promotes a uniform spray distribution of the washing liquid in the washing container 1 which is further improved by the arrangement of the spray channels 4 at different heights.